

Ancient Roman Gladiators: Heroes or Victims?
Nonfiction Text Set with Annotated Bibliography
(Grade 6 CMS)

Expository Nonfiction Texts

1. **Title:** “Who were the Ancient Roman Gladiators?” from Allabouthistory.org

Abstract: An article about who became gladiators and what that meant for them

Link to article: <http://www.allabouthistory.org/ancient-roman-gladiators-faq.htm>

2. **Title:** “Gladiators, 50 AD” from eyewitnesstohistory.com

Abstract: This article is about the downfalls of being a gladiator

Link to article: <http://www.eyewitnesshistory.com/gladiators.htm>

3. **Title:** “Gladiators: Heroes of the Roman Amphitheatre” By Professor Kathleen Coleman

Abstract: This article is about who became gladiators, the various types that existed, where they lived, how they trained, the rules of the fight, and what ancient people thought of them

Link to article: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/gladiators_01.shtml

4. **Title:** “A Modern-Day School for Gladiators” By Messina, Julia and Morrow, Paula

Abstract: The article features the Roman Gladiator School (RGS) located in the Appian Way in Italy.

Link to article: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=f5h&AN=43296497&site=ehost-live>

Opposing Viewpoints: Argument Nonfiction Texts

1. **Title:** “The NFL: Is Our Modern-Day Gladiator Sport a Good Thing?” By Corrina Lawson

Abstract: This article compares football to gladiators

Link to article: <http://www.wired.com/geekmom/2011/02/the-nfl-is-our-modern-day-gladiator-sport-a-good-thing/>

2. **Title:** “WHAT IF THE HUNGER GAMES WERE REAL?” By Kristin Lewis

Abstract: The article presents a comparison of the presently popular fictional hunger games with the gladiator games, the real life hunting games that were considered a key part of the ancient Roman society.

Link to article:

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=f5h&AN=75074821&site=ehost-live>

Digital Nonfiction Texts

1. **Title:** “Are You Not Entertained?”

Abstract: A clip from the movie, Gladiator.

Link to video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYr17Dvrlaw>